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Dear Mr. Avila,

Enclosed is my REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION 10/669,407 along with a check for \$72. I believe that because I have 28 paragraphs in my rewritten claims I owe \$9 for eight claims beyond the twenty allowed.

I spoke with you on the phone yesterday and you explained that because your correspondence was not mailed until June 15th I could send my response today without penalty. If my calculations are incorrect for any reason, I will be happy to send the additional amount needed.

Thank you,

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